(e) Maximisation of indigenous production of petrol by the refineries has been undertaken. No import of the product in the next few years is envisaged unless necessitated by spot situations created by emergency shut down of production units etc.

**Exclusion of folic acid from price control**

664. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Folic Acid, Vitamin B 1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin-D and Vitamin-E are produced in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that each of these drugs is produced by a single producer;

(c) if so what are the names of the producer of each;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Kelkar Committee recommended for price control of these drugs because these drugs do not satisfy the criteria for exclusion;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the Kelkar Committee included these drugs under Category II in their report; and

(f) if so, what are the considerations on which these bulk drugs have been excluded from price control under the Drugs Price Control Order, 1987

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information to the extent available is given below:

| Sl. No. | Name of the Bulk Drug | Name of the Producer |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Folic Acid | M/s. IDPL |
| 2. | Vitamin B-1 | 1. M/s. IDPL<br>2. M/s. Chem & Aromatics Ltd., |

(d to (f) The Kelkar Committee had recommended that all Vitamins only when used in combination in formulations should come under Category II of price control. Keeping this recommendation in view, all vitamins as bulk drugs have been exempted from price control.

**Price of Fersolate Tablets**

665. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the common man cannot afford to purchase medicine due to the recently announced Drugs Price Control Order;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the prices of medicines of daily use have gone up from 100 per cent to 150 per cent after the announcement of DPCO, 1978; and

(c) if so, what was the price of Fersolate tablets, Macrabin Injection 500 mcg and 100 mcg Dilosyn tablets, Syrups and Expectorant, Kapilin Injection, Vitamin-E caps, Benadryl Syrup, Capsules and Expectorant Phosfomin, Mycostatin tablets and Ointments, Calatryl Lotion, Bronocoidil Elixir, Sudafed, Marcain before the announcement of DPCO, 1987 and what is the present price of each alongwith percentage increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Prices of some non scheduled medicines have gone up. Prices of some scheduled drugs have also been revised as per provisions of DPCO, 1987. The extent of increase varies from case to case.

(c) The required details, to the extent available, are given in the attached statement. (See below). Sudafed, being a scheduled formulation, the concerned company M/s. Burroughs Wellcome has been directed to recategorise the same accordingly and to follow the price fixed by the Government.